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THE
HUNT FAMILY
HISTORY

1760 to 1925

Six Generations

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CHAPTER ONE

John and Mary Hunt

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In perusing the family records handed down from generation to generation, I find names of John and Mary Hunt, the oldest of my ancestors of whom I have any trace. And that which the records contain concerning them is very incomplete. They merely state that a James Hunt, son of John and Mary, died February 2nd 1855.

Knowing that my grandfather was born in Fleming County, Kentucky, I inquired through the columns of the TIMES-DEMOCRAT, published in the county seat of that county, for information concerning members of the Hunt Family who might still be living in that community. This was near the first of May, 1923. Some two weeks later I received a postal from Mrs. C. R. Carr, residing in the county seat town, informing me that her great grandfather's name was John Hunt and that he had served as a colonel in the War of 1812. By comparison of names, dates, etc., things have fitted so perfectly that there is no room for doubting that her great grandfather and my great-great grandfather were one and the same.

Mrs. Carr, who is very much interested in my attempt of a genealogical history has been of great service to me. She also tells me that Col. John Hunt (p.2) journeyed to Kentucky from North Carolina and, in the year 1790, married Miss Mary Denton. Also, it was Mrs. Carr who told me that Russell Hunt, a great grandson of Col. John and Mary, is living in Modoc, Indiana, and advised me to write to him and this I did. Two or three weeks later I received an answer from Mrs. Anna Parker, Carlos, Indiana, telling me that she is a sister to Russell and, his ill health preventing, she was writing for him. She, too, has been of great help to me. She tells me that Mary (Denton) Hunt, wife of Col. John, was born in the year of 1769 and died April 4th, 1845, and is buried in the Hunt cemetery, near Carlos, Indiana.

Repeated inquiry has failed to enlighten me concerning the dates of the birth and death of Col. John.

John and Mary were the parents of fifteen children: Lemuel, Basil, Absalom, James, Reuben, John, Howard, William, Joshua P., Benjamin, Anna, Betsey, Sarah, Deby, and Patsey.

Of Lemuel, the first son of Col. John and Mary, no record is left. Knowing that John and Mary were married in 1790, and that Basil, their second son, was born in 1792, it leaves the years of 1790 and 1791 for the time of Lemuel's birth.

CHAPTER TWO

Descendents of Basil, Second Son of Col. John and Mary Hunt.

Basil was born in the year 1792. He was married three times. His first wife was Miss Mary Ricketts. They were married in 1810, in Kentucky, and were the parents of nine children.

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Maranda was their first child, born February 4th, 1812. She was married twice - first to George Graham, and they were the parents of one son, Lemuel. Her second marriage was to Hugh M. Hunt, and to that union were born two children, Sarah Jane and Robert C. The mother died May 29th, 1901.

Malinda was the second child of Basil and Mary. She, too was twice married. Her first marriage was to George Strahan. Three children were born to them: Samuel Parker, David B., and Maranda Jane. Her second marriage was to Nathan Garrett and four children were born: Fremont, Egwert, Jessie and Welcome.

The following letter was sent to me by Mrs. J. T. Richardson, of Altoona, Kansas. William, who was the recipient of the letter, was the father of Mrs. Richardson and a son of Col. John and Mary Hunt. The writer, David B. Strahan, was a son of Malinda by her first husband and was staying with his great-uncle, Joshua P. Hunt.

Fairmount, Vermillion Co., Ill.
June 6, 1875

Uncle William,
Dear Sir:

By request, I write you a letter for Uncle Joshua. Uncle has been sick for three weeks. For a while we thought he could not live. We telegraphed for his boys in Indiana. They came out and were here several days. He is now able to be up some and thinks he will not take a relapse.

He wrote you a long letter last winter and can get no answer. He is very desirous to hear from you. He would like for you to write immediately. He contemplates paying you a visit this fall, if his health will permit.

The friends are generally well in Indiana. Uncle William Hunt died the 15th of March, after a long spell of sickness. He was eighty-five years old.

Old Aunt Patty Vallandingham is still living. She is ninety-five years old.

I believe I have written to you all about the old folks of your acquaintance. I have been living in Illinois for three years. I like the country fine. My (p.4) mother, Malinda Garrett, is staying with me this summer. She rented her farm and is staying with her children. My stepfather, Nathan Garrett, has been dead four years this fall. Uncle Joshua's Harrison is treasurer of Randolph County and his office will pay him twelve or fifteen thousand dollars.

Old Aunt Nancy Hiram is still living. She is eighty-three years old.

Our prospect for a crop is not very flattering. Wheat is very poor and it has been very wet for the last month.

We want you to write your prospects for a crop and I want to know if your daughter is still living -- the one who was so afflicted with rheumatism. Let us know about Uncle James Hunt's family.

So, hoping to hear from you very soon, I will desist.

JOSHUA P. HUNT
DAVID B. STRAHAN

This second letter was also sent to me by Mrs. Richardson. And for over fifty years, since the death of her father, she has kept them. While the relationship of some of the parties mentioned in the following letter is somewhat vague to me, it may be clear to some of my readers, so I reproduce the letter.

Newton, Kansas,
Sept. 8, 1874.

Dear Brother and Sister:

I take the present time to write you a few lines to inform you that we are in moderate health. I have written to you since I received any letter from you. I have been sick ever since last fall and unable to work until within the last few days.

We have had our crops all destroyed by the grasshoppers, except the wheat. Fall Wheat was a good crop and spring wheat was injured by the chinch bugs. Corn and other crops were taken by grasshoppers.

We are -- that is, Sallie and myself -- thinking of coming out to that part of the country to winter, if grain is not too high.(p.5) I would move out in a wagon and stay until spring, if I could rent a house and get feed at a reasonable price.

I want you to write and let me know what the chances are. I would like for you to answer immediately. I would like to know whether the grasshoppers were out in your part of the country.

It is raining very hard today.

We put in some spring wheat, but it was taken by the chinch bugs. Abel S raised fall wheat; it was splendid.

There are a great many people going east to winter on account of the failure of crops. Is there any fruit in your country?

Have you received a letter from Joshua? If so, where is his P.O. address? We have not received any letter from him since we came out here.

I have a very good house, story and a half high, 10 acres, broke, of prairie. I think this will prove to be a good country.

I will close for the present. Write on receipt.

Your Brother and Sister,

J. W. AND SARAH MARKWELL

This letter was also written to the father of Mrs. Richardson. He was a farmer and lived in Ray county, Mo. There were Absalom, who were brothers of William, and also a sister, Sarah. Mrs. Richardson tells me she had oftenheard of Sarah (Hunt) Markwell. This is the best explanation I can off.

(may have been the Abel S. mentioned in the letter, and John (J.W.) who)

Of Lemuel, third child and first son of Basil and Mary (Rickotts) Hunt, no trace is left.

William S., their fourth child, was born September 14th, 1818. His wife, Lavina Hunt, was born November 20th, 1820. She was the third of ten children (p.6) born to Rev. William Hunt and wife. The others were, Sarah, born March 13th, 1817; Matilda, the 17th of June, 1819; Eliza B., May 18th, 1823; John W., (father of D. L. Hunt, professor of Hunt College, at Eau Claro, Wis.) March 10th, 1825; William Fletcher, October 11th, 1827; Giles Smith, February 5th, 1830; Mary Jne, May 23, 1832; Mercy Ann, April 29th, 1835, and Elvira, January 16th, 1838.

Rev. William Hunt, father of Lavina, was the first of thirteen children born to Basil and Sarah (Denton) Hunt. The other twelve were, Nancy, Betsey, John, Sarah, Jonathan, Basilcel, Lewis, Mary, Harper, Miles, Patsey, and James D. Basil, the father of these thirteen children, was a brother of Col. John Hunt, and they married sisters.

The following article, clipped from an Indiana newspaper, furnishes an insight as to characteristics of some of our early ancestors. The Rev. William Hunt* mentioned was the father of Lavina.

"Back in the years of 1830 to 1840, in West River Township, Randolph County, was cut through the mediaeval forest a wagon way which was familiarly known by the early settlers as the "Big Road". The road, in time, was corrsed at right angles by a similiar road, leading to other primitive settlements. At the intersection of these roads was erected a post, on which was fastened a rude board, bearing the inscription, done in pioneer style,

HUNTS X ROADS

This was the address of all mail matter that came to the denisens of this vicinity for a number of years. A log cabin answered the double purpose of post office and a finishing room for a tan yard. Both were presided over by James Pugh, who was succeeded by Mahon Farquhar, a brother-in-law of Howell D. Thompson, for many (p.7) years past a prominent attorney of Anderson, Indiana.

Emigrants came in from many section of the country, but mostly from Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia and, as time passed, the settlement grew larger about the crossroads. Store rooms and work shop were built and all branches of industry had representatives.

The post and board at the cross roads, with its quaint inscription, toppled with age and was numbered among the things of the past. In its stead was built up a village and, as most of the inhabitants bore the name of Hunt, the name of Huntsville naturally followed. Mail was thus addressed until confusion grew out of the existence of Huntsville, in Madison county. An effort was then made to change the name of Huntsville to Trenton, by an application to the legislature, but the influence of the Hunts was too strong to be overcome and the compromise effected retained the name of Huntsville for the village and made the postoffice Trenton, a name it yet retains.

These sturdy pioneer settlers from Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee, composed largely from the best families from these states, exerted early influences that builded what is now a pleasant and prosperous community. A number of the first and following generations gained prominence as master spirits among their fellows.

Religious zeal was very manifest in the community -- especially among the Hunts and their immediate connections. The Rev. William Hunt* was a preacher who possessed much native ability. With strong convictions and aptness to teach, he had powers to make him a leader among the people. His career as a pioneer minister of the gospel was remarkable. He was the first circuit rider who had a work in Indiana (p.8) Territory, being sent here from Tennessee or Kentucky. His work extended from White Water (north of Richmond) to Wabash. He disagreed with the parent church concerning slavery and following his convictions, withdrew from that body and struck boldly out on a new line. He organized and became the head of a church denominated the Free Methodist. He continued at its head until the result of the Civil War forever settled the vexing slave question. After the close of the war, having aided, in a measure, in the consummation of his long cherished ideas of oppression to the industry of slavery, he allowed his church of Free Methodist to drift out of existence and returned to his first love of old time Methodism. He was then an old man, tall and somewhat stooped, yet with dignified bearing. His manner in the pulpit was earnest and deliberate, his enunciation strong and his reasoning clear and concise.

For many years after his retirement from the active ministry, he officiated at the village services. In memory one may recall this venerable patriarch in the old style elevated pulpit reached by a flight of four or five steps, standing silent and earnest, gazing into the faces of his congregation in the old weather beaten church on each succeeding Easter Sunday; the open Bible held before him in both hands -- not to read from, for his discourses were in the form of exhortations, rather than sermons -- but he seemed to hold the sacred volume more to employ his hands, while his mind became aroused to his subject.

The opening words of his discourses on these occasions were seemingly stereotyped on his mind and, though often repeated, never lost their freshness and power. When the regular minister in charge of the work had finished his discourse, the Rev. Mr. Hunt would rise in his place in the high pulpit and with modulated accents, prefaces his discourse by announcing, "The winter is passed and gone, and the (p.9) voice of the dove, bearing the olive branch of promise and peace, is heard again in the land, bringing the joyous news of merry springtime, beautiful type of the glorious resurrection."

Among his co-laborers, in early times, were the Rev. Absa Mank, Basil Hunt, Joshua P. Hunt and Robert Burns -- all local ministers of prominence in the vicinity, always ready to officiate at marriages and funerals and lend their aid and influence at protracted meetings.

Among the later generations, along in the '60's, came John A. Hunt, son of Joshua P., and Milton Hunt, with Levi Howell and other associates and co-workers, who were very active in local religious work and revival meetings.

As three or four of these brethern usually went together, they were humorously styled the "Fire Company" owing to the fact they always succeeded in awakening a fervid interest among the natives where they held meetings in a community.

The date of the death of Rev. William Hunt is not known. That, like numerous other things concerning some of our ancestors, is forever lost in the dim past.

The date of the birth of Fletcher, fifth child of Basil and Mary (Ricketts) Hunt, is not known. He married a Miss Nancy Hill and seven children were born to them: Calvin, Mary, Austin, Delay, Basil, Benjamin and John.

Jane, sixth child of Basil and Mary (Ricketts) Hunt, was born September 23rd, 1822. She married William Robertson and eight children were born to them: Mary, James, Josephine, Winfield Scott, Eugene, Ellen, Taylor and Lemuel. Winfield Scott is now living at Dodge City, Kansas. His wife died the 10th of February, 1923 and is buried at Tipton, Indiana, forty miles north of Indianapolis. A son of (p.10) theirs is also buried there. Mr. Robertson was married in Tipton, April 15th, 1876. He has a brother in Chillicothe, Mo., and one in Triplett, Mo. Also a sister and twelve nephews and nieces in Wichita, Kansas. Jane (Hunt) Robertson, mother of Winfield, died October 22nd, 1859.

James Parker, seventh child of Basil and Mary (Ricketts) Hunt, married Martha McIntire. Two daughters, Mary Russell and Mattie, were born.

Martha Ann, eighth born to Basil and Mary, was married to Samuel Strahan. Nine children were born: Clemuel, Russell, Molly, Basil, William, Charley, Nathan, Hattie and James.

Lewis W. was the ninth born to Basil and Mary on October 11th, 1829. Lewis and Jane, his wife, were the parents of five children: Charles, Clara Evaline, Ida May, Frances Ann and Austin Delmont. Lewis died October 29th, 1906.

CHAPTER THREE

Descendents of William S., Fourth Born to Basil and Mary, and Lavina Hunt

William S. and Lavina Hunt were the parents of twelve children.

Richard Manifee, their first, was born the 26th of November, 1841. He was married twice, his first wife being Louisa E. Lamb, whom he married December 24th, 1864. Their first-born was a daughter, coming into the world in the year 1866, and died the same year.

Their second child, Frederick M., was born December 21st, 1867 and died February 23rd, 1879. Celia Louisa, their third child, was born December 13th, 1869 (P.11) The mother died December 23rd the same year. The father's second marriage was to Clara B. Masters, September 20th, 1873. Born to this union were Ernest N., July 8th, 1874; Maude M. and Claude E., (twins) March 11th, 1879, and Edith, October 2nd, 1885. The father died June 12th, 1897.

The second child of William S. and Lavina Hunt was Giles Parker, born January 20th, 1843. Giles married Elmira Botkin on the last day of December 1866. To them were born six children: Dader B. was born December 13th, 1873. He is now a prominent physician in Winchester, Indiana.

Mary L. was born June 21st, 1879.

Morton Leon, third child of Giles and Elmira, was born October 29th, 1880 near Union Port, Indiana. His early boyhood was spent on a farm and his schooling was such as the district schools afforded at that time. He entered the Winchester high school in September, 1897, where he remained until he entered Perdue University, in September, four years later. After one year there he entered the Chicago University Medical School, from which he graduated with the degree of M.D. at the age of twenty-six years. At the age of twenty-three Morton was married to Miss Grace Perkins. One child was born to them. The little one was named John Botkin. Death took him away when near the age of two years. The father died when thirty-two years of age.

Emma, fourth child of Giles and Elmira, was born December 13th, 1883. Two sons died in infancy.

Giles, the father, died October 31st, 1905.

Third child of William S. and Lavina Hunt was (p.12) Malinda Jane, born on the 9th day of March, 1844, and died October 13th, 1865.

Clifton Smith, their fourth child, was born October 18th, 1845. On the first day of January, 1865, he was married to Levina C. Johnson. Two children were born: A daughter died in 1867, and Laura, born April 19th, 1872. Clifton S. died March 23rd, 1910.

Russell Bigalow, born August 30th, 1847, was the fifth child of William S. and Lavina. He was twice married -- first to Corinne Beeson, October 13th, 1873. To this union were born, Roy, on January 1st, 1875 (and died September 5th, the same year); Ina Mabel, born March 11th, 1877; Guy C., born July 1st, 1878 (died March 31st, 1890); Harry Beeson, August 19th, 1881; Ralph, the 27th of January, 1889 (died March 30th, the following year). The mother died September 22nd, 1895.

Russell B's second wife was Miss Effie Haynes. They were married August 29th, 1898, and to them was born William Haynes, September 8th, 1902. The mother died February 15th, 1913. Russell B. now lives near Carlos, Indiana, the land being a part of a tract entered from the government by Rev. William Hunt.

Celista P. was the sixth child of William S. and Lavina Hunt, born June 1st, 1849. December 21st, 1871, she was married to Daniel Clurin. To them were born Ophelia Augusta, August 1st, 1873; Giles Ferris, December 11th, 1875, and Nettie Roberta, November 13, 1882. Celista died February 9th, 1901.

Nettie Roberta married a Rev. D. E. Cruca, and they now live in Rochelle, Illinois. In a letter from a person by name of S.K.Hunt, dated the 10th day of February, 1923, at Ashland, Kentucky, to Rev. D.E.Cruca the writer states that the Rev's wife's great-grandfather was a cousin to his (S.K.Hunt's) father, (p.13) whose name was Jerry Hunt. No one has been able to furnish me a definite explanation of this matter and the conclusion I herewith draw may be and probably are far from correct.

Basil Hunt, brother of Col John Hunt had a son, Jonathan. It might have been that "Jerry" was merely a nickname. If such was so Jonathan (Jerry), being the father of S.K. Hunt, would also be a cousin to Basil Hunt, son of John and great grandfather of Mrs. Cruca.

The seventh child born to William S. and Lavina Hunt was Lucllen, born 1851. He departed this life August 4th, 1872.

Alice, their eighth child, was born January 13th, 1853. She was married to E. K. Olurn October 16th, 1877. Alice died October 1st, 1911.

Floria Celia, ninth child of William S. and Lavina, was born December 9th, 1854. She was married to Augustine R. Butler, December 3rd, 1874. Two children were born -- Celia A. on February 13th, 1876, and died September 8th, 1906; Docia B., born February 22nd, 1880.

Charles Fremont, tenth child of William S. and Lavina Hunt was born August 30th, 1856. Charles F. was twice married. His first wife was Lilly T. Johnson, married August 30th, 1881. To them were born Earl R., June 9th, 1884 and Robert Lee, July 20th, 1886. The latter son died October 25th, 1891, and the mother died June 23rd, 1892. On September 4th, 1894, the father was married to Mamie L. Stabler. To them were born Gayle and Gladys (twins) May 27th, 1895, and Richard S. born in October 1906, and died in September, 1908.

The eleventh child of William S. and Lavina Hunt, Marietta, was born August 18th, 1858. In the early part of the year 1880, she was married to William A. Hayes. Son son, Hal R., was born September (p.14) 24th, 1880. The mother died December 7th, 1915.

Anna M. born September 30th, 1860, is the last of the twelve born to William S. and Lavina Hunt. On July 31st, 1887, she was married to Albert F. Parker. On May 1st, 1910, she became connected with the Albany (Indiana) post office as assistant P.M. under W. A. Hayes and after his death, was appointed postmistress, August 23rd, 1912. She filled the office with much credit. Anna M. is now living with her brother, Russell, near Carlos, Indiana.

The following article, taken from an Indiana newspaper, is a brief account of the life of William S. Hunt:

"William S. Hunt was an old and highly respected citizen of near Huntsville, in this county, to which place he came about the year 1838, from Poplar Plains, Kentucky. He was a son of Rev. Basil Hunt, and

was born on a farm near the above town, September 15, 1810.

"When quite a young man he came to Randolph county, Indiana, to look after the real estate interests of his father, who then owned more than one thousand acres of land in and near the south part of West River and the north part of Nettle Creek townships. After looking well to his father's affairs, he went back to his native state with the determination formed to return to this county and, after he had satisfactorily arranged his business affairs, he left his old Kentucky home and came back to the forests of West River township, Randolph County, Indiana, where, in the year 1841, he was married to Miss Lavina Hunt, daughter of Rev. William Hunt, well known in eastern Indiana as a pioneer Methodist minister whose opposition to human slavery drove him from Kentucky to the forests of the then territory of Indiana, where, for half a hundred years, he waged war against slavery, (p.15) alcohol, and all other forms of vice.

"Soon after his marriage, William S. Hunt built himself a large house -- we suppose, the largest of its kind ever built in this country. It was, if my memory serves me right, 60 X 40 feet and full two stories high, with a wide porch in the rear. It was built of logs, cut and hewed on the ground -- not simply small logs, but giant trees of the forest composed its outer walls. Near this house was a large spring of living water, and here in this house and by this spring, William S and Lavina Hunt began the trials which are incident to human life. As time flew by sons and daughters were born, until twelve children were added to the family before death came to their hearts.

"When the War of the Rebellion, in all its fierceness, began, William S. said to his sons, who were old enough to go: 'You volunteer; I can take care of mother and the house full of little ones. Richard M. and Giles P., who were better known as Park and Dick, volunteered in the old 69th Indiana and, with the gallant Tom Bennett, Orson Perry and Major Lacey, served more than three years in crushing out rebellion and striking the chains of bondage from four million human beings. It was here that Richard contacted the cold which later terminated in death. They were at Richmond, Ky., Vivksburg, Champion Hills, Big Black, and helped on many fields of battle, winding up at Mobile, Alabama.

William S. Hunt served the citizens of his township for fourteen years as justice of the peace and for twelve years as township trustee. The name of Squire Will S. Hunt was known for many miles. He was a man who understood well his brethern of the human family and sympathized with them in distress -- in fact, too much so for his own good. Soon after the Civil War he became surety for friends and, in the end, paid more than six thousand dollars for them.

"The farm I have spoken of (now the property of (p.16) Judge John Moye) consisted of three hundred and twenty acres of fine land and lies west of Huntsville and is a half-mile east and west and one mile north and south, making just one-half of the section.

"For the age in which he lived, William S. was a good scholar ---- self taught. He was an inveterate reader of good books and newspapers and always had his house well supplied with both. He was a good penman and, by reason of his long service in township affairs, was well versed in the art of neat bookkeeping.

"But there is an end to all things and on the 11th day of December 1899, he peacefully laid aside the cares of life, in the city of Indianapolis, while visiting his daughter, Mrs. Anna Parker, and on the 13th of the same month, all that was mortal of William S. Hunt was laid to rest with his father in the cemetery of Huntsville, Ind., but the better part went to God.

"For nearly eighty-two years he had lived a noble life and died as becometh a follower of the Master. For several years he was a minister of the Methodist church. He lived an active, useful life and died the christian's death and, though he be dead, his works and precepts shall follow him." - FREMONT GARRETT.

Thus far are the descendents of Basil (second son of Col. John and Mary Hunt) by his first wife.

Basil's second marriage was to Mrs. Sallie F. Wilson, at Lexington, Ky., in 1834. To them was born one child, Celia R. in 1836. Until 1842, they lived on a farm near Poplar Plains, Ky., afterwards moving into that town. There the mother died in 1853. In 1855, Basil moved to Indiana.

Celia R. was married to James W. Crane, at Lexington, Ky., in December 1854. He was born in the year 1828. James and Celia were the parents of two children, Russell, born in August, 1859, and Sallie, born in January, 1862. James W. Crain was a (p.17) merchant in Lexington. They moved to Hillsboro in the year 1856. Celia died in 1865 and the father in 1908, and both are buried at Hillsboro, Ky.

Russell Crane, first born to James and Celia, was married to a Miss Scudder in 1883. Two sons were born, Scudder and Woodford, both now living in El Paso, Texas. Their father lives in Louisville, Ky. The mother passed away in 1890.

Sallie, the second born to James and Celia, was married in Hillsboro, Ky. in 1883, to Charles R. Garr, a native of Louisville, Ky. In 1880, he graduated in medicine and established himself in Hillsboro. To Charles and Sallie, two sons were born. Charles Crain, their first was born in 1884, and Clyde Louis three years later. Two years later the family moved to Flemingsburg, Ky.

In 1921 the elder son married Elizabeth Headley. One child, Betty, was born. Charles and family now live in Lexington, Ky. He is a surgeon of note and many are the wonderful operations he has accomplished. He saw service in France and England as a major during the World War.

Clyde Louis was married in 1914 to Miss Bernice Crain. He is now associated with his father in the practice of medicine.

From Mrs. Garr I have it that Dr. C. R. has the history of his ancestors, extending back to the time they lived in Bavaria, covering a period of more than four hundred years. The book contains their coat- of-arms.

Thus far are the descendents of Basil and Sallie (Wilson) Hunt.

Basil's third marriage was to Miss Polly Hedrick. They were the parents of one child, a son whom they named Luther. He is buried in the Huntsville cemetery, near Carlos, Indiana. Basil died in 1869, leaving an estate of thirty thousand dollars.

(p.18) His wife lived many years after his death, returning to Indiana (penciled note in the book said 'Kentucky'), where she passed her remaining days.

CHAPTER FOUR

Of Absalom, third born to Col. John and Mary Hunt, not much is known, other than that contained in a write-up, taken from an Indiana newspaper. The article was written by Fremont Garrett and is entitled "The Hunt Family". The article has to do with some three or four other sons of Col. John and Mary Hunt, so, for the present, I pass on to the fourth born to them.

Of James, there is left no record of the time of his birth. When a young man, he married a Miss Louisa Brain, in Fleming county, Ky. In 1843 they came to Caldwell county, Mo. He died February 2nd, 1885.

James took active part as a soldier in the War of 1812, also several Indian Wars.

Seven children were born to James and Louisa, of which number, Elvira Jane, born September 30th, 1828, was the first. The date of her death is not known. My Aunt Sallie Miller has heard her father speak of Elvira having grown to young womanhood. Nor is it know if she ever married.

The second born to James and Louisa was John W. D., February 15th, 1830, in Fleming County, Ky. In 1843 he came with his parents to Caldwell county, Mo. He married Susan N. Lebo, a native of Kentucky and daughter of John D. Lebo, February 1st, 1849.

In 1848, John W. D. was converted at a camp,meeting being held near Knoxville, Ray county. Miss (p.19) Lebo, who later became his wife, was converted at the same meeting and both were baptised by the Rev. Robert James, father of the noted Frank and Jesse.

John W. D. became a minister of the gospel in 1874 and was an active preacher of the Baptist faith for thirty years. His many deeds of kindness, may earnest sermons in teaching the beautiful story of Christ will always be remembered by those who knew and loved him. Thirty years of his life were dedicated to the work of a minister. In those days, salary was not so much a consideration. Hardships were many, but they never lessed his faith in the cause he had chosen to champion. He was a servant of the Master and never hesitated to do His bidding. Many storms and tempests he journeyed through for miles to give cheering words and comfort to a brother in distress.

When I was a child I heard my grandfather relate tales of his early life. His last days passed in Polo, a twon in the southern part of Caldwell county and within a few miles of the place where he reared his family. During the summer months it was his wont to sit beneath the massive maple tree in front of my father's drug store and talk to old friends who "happened up" from Ray county, -or, more likely, came in expectation to find Uncle John in his accustomed place. He enjoyed these visits with his old friends, recalling incidents which (Using his favorite expression)"happened way back yonder." His tales, more often, carried a humorous side. He was not one to dwell on pathetic things. If there had been sadness and misfortunes in his life, they were as the Lord had willed. Though his wife had passed on to her reward several years before, he awaited patiently the time when his Master would summon him to join her who had shared his life here on earth.

I can see him now, as he sat beneath the tree, his form bent -- a form which, in his younger days, towered (p.20) over six feet -- his cane ever by hime, and gentle breezes caressing his hari, which was, in all truth, white as the driven snow.

He was a kind hearted old man, loved, respected, passing his remaining days among his relatives and friends. Many of the latter had often heard him preach and through his sermons and teachings were led to Christ. Though he now sleeps in the Hunt cemetery, south east of Polo, there is no death for the exemplary life he lived.

Even after he had retired from the ministry, he never missed an opportunity to attend religious services. I have often heard him as he sat alone at night, singing the old time hymns. He gathered great comfort from them and his old worn Bible.

On Tuesday, October 5th, 1915, his Master called him home. Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Church in Polo the following day by Rev. C. F. D. Arnold.

In northern Ray county is still conducted the Hunt school, named for the Rev. J.W.D., the land upon which the building stands having formerly been a part of his farm.

Susan N. (Lebo) Hunt, wife of John W. D., was born in Whitney county, Ky., April 27th, 1827. At the age of five years she came to Missouri with her parents and lived almost continuously in Ray county and for more than seventy years resided in this state.

She died at her home in Lawson, Ray county, the 13th of October, 1903. Her death came after a long illness from a complication of deseases. She rests in the Hunt cemetery.

No words are necessary in praising her life -- it speaks for itself. The many acts of mercy she performed will linger in the hearts of all who knew her -- linger more than words which can be spoken in her behalf. She was a loving mother and faithful wife and through all troubles and misfortunes which fell to (p.21) her, she remained a devout christian, ever looking to Him for guidance and solace. Her life was a long one -- over three-quarters of a centuny-- and during that time she lived as the Lord desires us all to live, and did all that could be done, realizing that

life is what we make it. Such people do not die, but live after they are gone from this earth. So it was with her.

Mary Anjumina was the third born to James and Louisa Hunt, on the 4th of April, 1832. She married a man by the name of Wallace and they were the parents of seven children. Of the seven, Mrs. J.L.Coffman, of Lawson, Mo., is the only one of whom any trace is left.

Benjamin F. was the fourth born to James and Louisa, January 15th, 1834. Date of his death is unknown.

Likewise, there is nothing know of the fifth born to James and Louisa a daughter, other than the date of her birth. Elizabeth W. was born April 9th, 1836.

The sixth offspring, James M. was born in the year of 1838. He married Miss Mollie S. Banks, of Fayetteville, Arkansas. One child, James (?) Agnes, was born. She married W. C. Conner and is the mother of four children -- one son and three daughters. Mr. Conner died about fourteen years ago and the mother now lives in Chicago, Illinois.

James M. was killed years ago by robbers while he was hauling produce from Fayetteville to a town in Texas. There being no railroad facilities at that time, he, like many others, found it a lucrative business to haul his produce in a covered wagon to various towns in Texas and sell, for there was a great demand for such in those days.

On this occasion, he had disposed of his load and was a full days's journey on his homeward trip, when he was killed by robbers (p.22) who had shadwood him, and in some unknown manner his body was secreted away. The wife of James married a second time, when the daughter, James Agnes, was seven years old. In September, 1921, the mother passed away at the home of her daughter, in Chicago.

The seventh born to James and Louisa, was a son, George Boatman, February 3, 1841. The date of his death, if such has occurred, is unknown.

CHAPTER FIVE

DESCENDANTS OF REV. J. W. D., SECOND BORN TO JAMES AND LOUISA, AND SUSAN HUNT

John W. D. and Susan (Lobo) Hunt were the parents of ten children -- five sons and five daughters.

William Madison, their first, was born in the neighborhood of Knoxville, Ray county, Mo, on October 30th, 1849. His boyhood days were spent on the farm and, after reaching his majority, he taught school several terms in various districts of the county.

On November 11th, 1880, at Polo, Mo., he was married to Miss Harriett Allison Clarkson. ~~Thix~~ Their first home was in Lathrop, Clinton county, later locating in Excelsior Springs, where William M. engaged in the drug ~~buix~~ business.

That was in April, 1881. On December 11th, 1883, they moved to Polo. There William M. again engaged in the drug business, establishing what was first known as the Pioneer Drug Store. The name was later changed to Maple Tree Drug Store, for the large tree which stood in front of the building.

The ground beneath this tree was the rendezvous of the old time checker players of both Caldwell and (p.23) Ray counties, and many were the games played in the inviting shade cast by its branches. Marble games were also played there.

But the best purpose served by the massive maple tree was on July 4th, 1901. It was on this date that nearly the entire business section of Polo was destroyed by fire. About eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, fire was discovered in the dentist offices of Dr. Frazier, over the Corner Drug Store, which was but two doors west of the Maple Tree. An effort was made to cut through the roof to the flames, but they were soon beyond control, sweeping north and east, destroying fourteen business buildings and offices. I remember hearing many remark that the large maple tree with its massive top was all that prevented the flames from crossing the street and destroying the rest of the business district.

William M. Hunt was a democrat and during the years of 1911-12, serving as chairman of the democratic committee of Grant township. He also served for twelve consecutive years as member of the school board at Polo, and his best public service was in leading the campaign for the erection of the handsome new school building, which is today one of the features of the town. The building was erected in 1907, at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars. What he did in behalf of the school is characteristic of all his civic relations with that community.

About 1917 he moved his drug stock to Kingston, county seat of Caldwell county, and something like a year later went to Weatherby, Mo., in Dekalb county. Soon afterwards, due to failing health, he retired from business.

At the home of his son, William Vern, in Nebraska City, Nebr. on Wednesday, February 4th, William Madison Hunt departed this life after several months illness. His remains were taken to Polo, Mo., where funeral services were conducted the following (p.24) Saturday, from the Baptist church, by Rev. D. L. Sayers. Interment was in the Hunt cemetery.

Harriett (Clarkson) Hunt was born in Knightstown, Ind., April 29th, 1861 being the twelfth and last born to Middle Dean and Hannah (Ferguson) Clarkson. He was born in Dixmont, Maine, November 30th, 1815 and died October 30th, 1891. Hannah was born September 15, 1819, and died February 3rd, 1871. The grandparents of Harriett Hunt were Richard P. Clarkson, born October 7th, 1782, and died April 27th, 1849. Mary (Simpson) Clarkson born September 15th, 1780 and died September 1st, 1870. Harriett Hunt now lived in Kansas City, Mo.

John F. was the second born to J. W. D. and Susan Hunt, June 25th, 1851. He spent his boyhood days on the farm and taught school during his young manhood. He later journeyed west and, while on the police force in the border twon of Caldwell, Kansas, was killed. The circumstances leading up to hid death are set forth in a letter written to me by Mr. Wade Pollard, a very intimate friend of John F.'s.

Mr. Forrest Hunt,
Breckenridge, Mo.

Kingston, Mo.
May 25, 1923

Dear Sir and Friend:

Inreply to yours of a few days ago, will say that I have known the Hunt family long as I can remember. I was better acquainted with your Uncle Frank than any of the others.

Frank arrived in Wichita, Kansas, on a Sunday forenoon in the year of 1879, and came to our place just after dinner. He had his home with us while he stayed in Wichita.

Mr. Ostrander, a railroad sub-contractor, had a contract for work three miles out of town and had made arrangements with me to care for his teams, as I was, at that time, conducting a feed and sales stable. There was no railroad wouth of Wichita. Mr. Ostrander and Frank soon became friends and Frank was employed as boss grader. When weather was bad, the workmen would come into town on Saturday evenings and remain until Monday morning.

The railroad was completed about the first of August and Frank obtained work on a cattle range. Dissatisfied with that, he went to Caldwell, Kansas. There he was put on the police force and soon afterwards met George Schadwick, an ex-marshall. A favorite pastime of the latter's was that of pulling his gun and making policemen dance. He did that with Frank, who replied, "George, I can't dance; I was raised by a Baptist preacher." Schadwick contented himself by remarking that Frank was a d--- good fellow, and promising to get him another time.

Later, Schadwick got on one of his sprees and called on the police to dance. When the smoke cleared away, Schadwick was picked up from the ground, with twenty-one bullets in his body. I do not know if Frank was in the mixup. Then the "wild and wooly" came into town and began "shooting up" everything. Frank shot one of the horses and arrested its rider. Then he was detailed to go to the dance hall and help maintain peace. There, as he sat in a window of the second story, someone outside shot him in the back.

The rest concerning your Uncle Frank you probably know.

With best wishes for you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

WADE POLLARD

The above happened on the night of October 8th, 1880 and Frank died on the 11th. His remains were brought back to Lathrop, Mo, his brother, Daniel M., and Miss Ella Ingalls, sweetheart of the deceased, accompanying him.

Daniel Monroe, third son of Rev. J. W. D. and Susan Hunt, was born April 1st, 1853, near the village of Knoxville, Ray county, Mo.

His boyhood days were spent on the farm and, at the age of nineteen years, taught his first term at the Linville school in Ray county. His last term was at the Benton school, in the same county, in 1902.

On April 15th, 1880, he was married to Louis Etta Dubee.

Back in 1850, there was extensive timber in the northwest part of Ohio, and a number of Canadian-Frenchmen journeyed down into that country to cut down the timber, sending it to Maine for shipbuilding. Among those who came down from Canada was Louis Dubee, who later married Miss Mariah Long, who lived near Napoleon, Henry county, May 1st, 1859. Louis was injured by a falling tree and died two days later, December 21st, 1859. Mariah returned to her parents and on February 18th, 1860, she became the mother of a daughter, Louis Etta.

On October 2nd, 1865, the mother was married a second time, and Louis Etta made her home with her grandparents.

In 1868, Louis Etta came to Ray county, Mo., with her mother.

Daniel and Louis are the parents of nine children, six of whom died in infancy.

Charles Edward (Eddie) was born February 26th, 1885, in Lawson, Ray county, Mo. On June 25th, 1907, he was married to Miss Nora Mullins, of Kansas City. To Eddie and Nora were born four children. The first born did not live. The others are, Marie, Marguerite and Edward, Jr. Eddie and family are living in Kansas City, Mo.

Bertha, second of the living children of Daniel and Louis, was born October 30th, 1886. She was married September 19th, 1909, to Mr. Guy Romans, making their home at Phoenix, Arizona. On October 26th, 1902, the husband died. Bertha was married a (p.27) second time, April 30th, 1913 to Wm. Roer. They live in Phoenix, Arizona.

Claude Grover, third surviving born to Daniel and Louis, saw the light of day on January 23rd, 1889. He was married December 26th, 1920 to Miss Anna Brosnihan, of Kansas City. Their home is in Denver Colorado.

Daniel and Louis moved from Excelsior Springs to Kansas City, October 7th, 1904.

James Robert, son of J. W. D. and Susan Hunt, was born near Knoxville, Mo., February 25th, 1855. He was married, April 6th, 1876 to Miss Dora Harvey, of Camden, Ray county, making their home in Lawson. On August 18th, 1912, the wife passed away. The father and oldest son still live at the old home.

Nine children were born to James and Dora.

John William, their first, was born near Lawson, December 27th, 1877 and now lives in Lawson.

Frank, second son, married Miss Bertie Moore. Both died several years ago.

The third son, Charles Arthur, was born in Lawson, Mo. He married Fay Clayton, of Lawson, and they have two children, Dora and James Lee, ages six and four respectively.

Georgie Estella, daughter of James and Dora, was born in Lawson. Was married to Richard R. Moore, of Kansas City. They are the parents of two daughters, Evelyn Genevieve and Pearl Marie, ages 12 and 11 years.

Susie Dell, daughter of James and Dora was born in Lawson. She married Chester O'Flannery of Vibbard, Mo. Two daughters were born to them. Mary Rose, the first, died in infancy, and Chastina, now 4 year old.

Rosa Nelle, daughter of James and Dora, was born in Lawson. Was married to John Glasscock, of near Vibbard. They are the parents of two daughters, (p.28) Delma, age 3 years, and Frances, age 2, born near Lawson, Mo.

Two sons and two daughters of James and Dora (Harvey) Hunt died in infancy.

Sarah L., first daughter of John W. D. and Susan Hunt, was born in Ray county, near the village of Knoxville, November 2nd, 1856. On April 19th, 1876, she was married to Robert M. Miller, son of Joseph and Barbara Miller of Chillicothe, Ohio, Rev., John Harmon, officiating. Robert Miller was born in the above mentioned town, December 13th, 1848. As a young man he served an apprenticeship at the shoe making trade under the most competent workmen. In the year 1875, he established himself in Lawson, Mo., conducting a large boot and shoe store for several years.

Sarah L. taught school in her early life, in Lawson in 1874, and one term at the Hunt school, her home district, in 1876.

To Robert M. and Sarah, one child Minnie Estella, was born in Lawson, Mo., December 25th, 1876. Minnie was married to Elmer Brody, son fo Thomas and Alwildee Brody of Kansas City, Mo. They are the parents of two sons. Robert Elmer, the older, was born at 2403 College Ave., Kansas City, Mo., June 15th, 1906. Loren Willard was born at the same address, November 12th, 1909. All now live in Kansas City.

Robert M. and Sarah L lived several years in Kansas City, later moving back to Ray county, where he died on November 20th, 1919, in the city of Hardin. Sarah L. now lives with her daughter in Kansas City.

Mary L. sixth child of Rev. J.W.S. and Susan Hunt, was born near Knoxville, Mo., February 5th, 1859. She was married in Lawson, Mo., January 8th, 1891, by Rev. N. Rolla Davis, to James Lawson Kilgore. Mr. Kilgore was a son of Andrew and (p.29) Mary Kilgore, and was born November 18th, 1858, near Elkhorn, Ray county.

John Miller, son of James and Mary (Hunt) Kilgore, was born near Lawson, Ray county, Mo., June 27th, 1894. On November 29th, 1923, in Kansas City, Mo., he was married to Avery Hayes, and theynlive in that city.

Velma Lucille, daughter of James and Mary, was born in Lawson, August 1st, 1899. She was married in Liberty, Mo., July 5th, 1919, to Earl E. Rouse, son of William and Mary Ellen Rouse, of Kansas City, Mo.

James Kilgore died in Lawson, February 20th, 1909. Mary L. now lived in Kansas City.

Martha J., third daughter of John W. D. and Susan (Lobo) Hunt, was born November 2nd, 1861, and died July 30th, 1863.

Susan L., fourth daughter of John and Susan Hunt, was born September 6th, 1863, near Knoxville, Mo. On December 29th, 1882, she was married to Felix W. Sanderson. They live in Hardin, Mo. G. W. Sanderson, father of Felix was a native of Kentucky and came to northwest Missouri when a young man. For twenty years he was Justice of the Peace of the town of Lawson.

Felix and Susan are the parents of three sons and two daughters:
Fred M. was born on a farm, near Lawson, Mo., April 6th, 1884. In the year 1900, in the office of the old Lawson Journal, he started learning the printer's trade. Later, he entered the office of the Richmond CONSERVATOR, edited by George Allen Trigg. During his five years in that office, he was foreman the last three and became an expert in the mechanical and editorial functions of newspaper work. He also worked a short time on the MISSOURIAN, another paper published in the city of Richmond.

In the year 1911, Messrs. Sanderson and Riley purchased the REVIEW, (p.30) published at Lawson, Mo. A year or so later Mr. Sanderson purchased the interest of his partner, conducting the paper himself for several years, afterward selling to a Mr. Clackwell. Fred M. then moved from Lawson to Hardin, where he purchased the NEWS from G. E. Nelson. For something like five years Fred published that paper. At the expiration of that time he disposed of the plant to Paul H. Didge and moved to a farm. Two years of farm life and he was again in the NEWS office, as joint editor with Mr. Ernest Dale.

Fred M. has lived his entire life in Ray county. On December 6th 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Angie Buchanan, daughter of John A Buchanan. Angie was born near Lawson. Her father was born in Holmes county, Ohio, April 28th, 1840, and for half a century, was a resident of Ray county, Mo. He had just arrived at manhood when the Civil War broke out and served three years under General Sherman, accompanying him on his march to the sea. A year after being mustered out, Mr. Buchanan located at Pleasant View, Cedar county, engaging in the merchandise business, and later moving to a farm. At one time he served as school commissioner of Ray county, residing in Richmond, the county seat. On March 1st, 1902, Postmaster General Henry C. Payne appointed him postmaster of Lawson, in which capapity he served until his death.

February 3rd, 1876, he was married to Miss Rozina A. Stockwell, daughter of Miller Stockwell. Rozina died November 6th, 1886. Three daughters and two sons were born to them. Those surviving are: Angie (Buchanan) Sanderson, Mrs. George Marley, of Kansas, W. R. Buchanan, of Kansas City and Mrs. A. W. Morrow of Lawson. John A., the father died February 3rd, 1913.

Fred and Maggie are the parents of five children -- one daughter and four sons. Their first born lived but a few days. Margaret, the second was born on September 12th, 1908; Fred M., Jr., was born February 5th, (p.31) 1911; Howard Felix on Sept. 8th, 1914, and Harold on Aug. 15, 1916.

Robert G., second son of Felix and Susan (Hunt) Sanderson, was born near Richmond, Mo., Sept. 1st, 1886. Robert was married in Excelsior Springs, Mo., June 29th, 1909 to Miss Grace Mitchell. She was born in Holt,,Mo., June 30th, 1884. Her father, George W. Mitchell, was born in Lexington, Mo., on July 26th, 1842. Her mother, whose maiden name was Josephine Harris, was born in Lancaster, Kentucky, February 14, 1843. Mr. Mitchell spent several years of his life as a minister of the Christian Union Church. They were married on July 3rd, 1863 near Excelsior Springs.

Robert and Grace are the parents of one son, Robert J., born March 14th, 1919.

After their marriage, Robert and Grace made their home at Athel, Macon County, where he was in the employ of the Santa Fe railroad. For several years they lived in Hardin. There Robert G. built a modern up-to-date barber shop conducting same until recently. He now owns a shop in Liberty, Mo.

Mary Ella, born January 19th, 1888, near Richmond, Mo., was the first daughter of Felix and Susan Sanderson. Ella was married December 26th, 1906, to Ellis Alexander, son of Ed and Celestia Alexander, of Knoxville. Ella and Ellis are living on a farm in the Millville community. Four children have been born. Ralph, the first, was born December, 1907. Robert G., second son, was born January 19th, 1910 and died September 18th 1919. Dortha, third child, was born September 10th, 1911. Paul Ellis, fourth and last was born February 19th, 1915.

Orby, third son of Felix and Susan Sanderson, was born December 16th, 1890, near Richmond and married June 14th, 1916 at Rayville, Mo, to (p32) Miss Fleeta Winsor, daughter of Wilbur and Ella Winsor. Orby and Fleeta are the parents of two children: Mildred born May 24th, 1918, near Harbin Mo., and Merle, born August 27th, 1921, near Richmond, Mo., Orby and family are living at Millville.

Edna Ruth, born March 7th, 1893, was the last child of Felix and Susan Sanderson. She was united in marriage, October 10th, 1911 to Oliver Johnson, son of John and Arametha Johnson, of near Dockery. Oliver and Ruth are the parents of one child, Mary Ella, born July 15th, 1917. Oliver and family live in Morton, where he conducts an up-to-date machine repair shop.

George W., ninth child of Rev. J.W.D. and Susan (Lebo) Hunt, was born six miles north of the village of Knoxville, Ray County, Mo., the 27th day of July, 1866. His early life was passed on the farm and teaching school. On December 29th, 1904, he was married to Miss Florence Hamilton, a daughter of Dr. Hamilton, of Richmond, and for several years was associated with the latter in the Hamilton Drug Co., at that place.

On Wednesday evening, October 15th, 1919 at his home in Richmond,

George departed this life. His remains were laid to rest in Sunny Slope cemetery, funeral services being under the auspices of the Elk Lodge.

Frances M., last of the ten children of John and Susan (Lebo) Hunt, was born February 7th, 1868 and died July 24th, 1881

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CHAPTER SIX

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM MADISON AND HARRIETT (CLARKSON) HUNT

The first born to them was a daughter on September 18th, 1881, in Lawson, Ray county. She lived but four hours. She was buried in the Hunt cemetery, south east of Polo.

George Clyde, oldest son of William and Hattie Hunt, was born in Polo, November 13th, 1884. After leaving the public school, he attended the A. E. Pitinger Jeweler's School in Kansas City. Completing the course there, he located in Galt, Grundy county, to practice his trade. There, on March 18th, 1904, he was married to Miss Bertha Divinia. They have two daughters and one son. Nelle Madaline was born in Galt, June 25th, 1905. On September 1st, 1905, the family moved to Polo. There was born the second daughter, Fern Helen, on July 20th, 1907, and on January 1st, 1910, was born the son, Ralph Clyde.

On June 1st, 1915, Clyde and family moved to Kearney, living there until June 1st, 1917, when they moved to Kansas City, Kans., residing there at the present, where Clyde is employed in the Holzberg Diamond Shop.

Bertha Hunt is one of a family of two sons and four daughters of William Divinia. The others are, Gus, Beulah, who married George Dodge; Blanche, married; Ruby, who died in a short while after her marriage, and Homer.

William Verne, second son of William and Hattie Hunt, was born in Polo, Caldwell county, Mo., on the (p.34) 28th of April, 1887. After his school days, he accepted a position as clerk in the C. C. Hopkins dry goods store. A few years later he accepted a similar position with the J. R. Dalby Mercantile Co., at Braymer, Mo. There he met Miss Eva Day, also in the employ of the same firm. They were married in Kansas City, September 16th, 1907. Two sons and one daughter were born. William Cooper was born in Polo, March 11, 1910. Frances Irene was born in Excelsior Springs, January 27th, 1914, and Harold Lee in Kansas City, January 6th, 1916.

Verne died in the Presbyterian hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, March 19th, 1922, and was buried in Wyuka cemetery, at Nebraska City, where the family lived at the time of his death.

Eva is one of three daughters of Cooper and Elizabeth (Boucher) Day, and was born September 5th, 1862, on a farm north of the present town of Braymer, though at that time the latter did not exist.

The oldest daughter, Mary, was born December 22nd, 1872. Her first marriage was to Mr. Ben Weed and one daughter, Lillian was born June 14th, 1893 in Braymer. Mary's second marriage was to Mr. Elmer Parsons. They have a son and daughter, Milo and Louise. All are living near Percival, Iowa.

Josephine, the second daughter of Cooper and Elizabeth (Boucher) Day, was born on August 13th, 1876. She was married to Ernest Rogers and they have two children, Laverne and B yrl. They, also are living near Percival, Iowa.

Elizabeth (Boucher) Day was born in Logan, Illinois, August 30th, 1852, and was married January 18th, 1872. She died in Nebraska City, at the home of her daughter, Eva, on the 16th day of October, 1919.

Cooper Day was one of eleven children born to Joseph and Ann (Adams) Day. Five of the children lived to be grown. One son, Charley, died at the age (p.35) of twenty-three years -- unmarried. George Day married a Miss Anna Carr, and Anna Day was married to John Moon. Anna now lives in Breckinridge, Caldwell county. She has two daughters, Rilla and Myrtle.

Joseph and Ann (Adams) Day were both born in Dover, Cambridgeshire, England, and came to America long before the Civil War. Ann died at the age of ninety-three and Joseph at the age of sixty years.

I am the third son of William and Hattie (Clarkson) Hunt, and was born in Polo, March 31st, 1890. At the age of seventeen years, I began work as printers' devil in the office of the Polo VINDICATOR, soon transferring my services (?) across the street to the office of the News. There I remained off and on, (finishing high school in 1909) until June 1914. The latter date found me over in the little town of Ethel, Macon county, where I had gone to take charge of the COURIER. On December 31st, 1914, in Macon county seat of that county, I was married b the Rev. Boulton to Miss Dorothy Lee Windle, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Windle of Ethel. On November 28th, the following year, a daughter was born who was named Geneva Louise, and who is now living with her mother.

I spent one year in France during the World War. Was in training five weeks in Camp McArthur, Texas. Made the journey across the pond on the English Transport Adriatic, along with a bunch of lieutenants and mules. Was thirteen days getting over. Was discharged at Camp Taylor, Ky.

Later worked for my cousin, Fred M. Sanderson, on the Mardin NEWS. Then crossed the Missouri river and spent a few months in the office of the Lexington NEWS. In August, 1920, accepted a position on the CLIPPER-LEADER, published at Haddam, Kans., by Mrs. Jessie Hoover.

On June 24th, 1921, in Liberty, Mo., was married (p.36) to Miss Lillis Marie Brennan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brennan, of Kansas City, Mo.

In September, the same year, we left Haddam, coming to Breckenridge, Mo., where I have since been employed on the BULLETIN, edited by Mr. John T. Hanower.

Marie (Brennan) Hunt is the oldest of four daughters. She was born in Maryville, Kansas, August 6th, 1893. The other daughters are: Mrs. J. H. Potter, Born August 6th, 1898, in Paola, Kansas, and married July 17th, 1923; Helen Margaret, born May 19th, 1907, in Kansas City; Dorothy Catherine, also born in Kansas City, November 25th, 1912.

John Brennan was born September 30th, 1870, in Chicago, Illinois, and was married September 27th, 1892. His parents are Patrick and Mary Brennan, both natives of Ireland, who came to America when small children, the parents of each choosing Chicago for their new home. Mary Brennan's maiden name was Farrell.

John is one of nine children. The others are: Mary, James, Thomas, William, Anna, Martin, Katherine and Hannha. Anna, Mary and Hannah are dead.

Patrick Brennan, grandfather of John, brought his family from Ireland about the year 1830. He and his wife were the parents of four children: Patrick, Jr., James, Pete and Martin. Patrick, the father lived to the ripe old age of ninety-six.

Lynn Brennan, wife of John W. was born February 13th, 1872, at Peoria, Ill. Her parents are James and Mary Brown. James was a native of Illinois and Mary was born in a village near Paris, France and came to America when eight years old. Her maiden name was Noel.

Lynn is one of six children born to James Brown and wife. The others are, Mrs. Keller, of Allerton, Iowa; Mrs. W. C. Mayham, of Polo, Missouri; Mrs. (p.37) Frank Phields, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Will Wright, Ottumwa, Iowa, and George Brown, living in northern Iowa.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Concerning Absolam, Third Son of Colonel John and Mary Hunt, Also Wherein Are Mentioned Other Sons of Theirs

This article was clipped from the DAILY HERALD (Indiana) of the date of February 6th, 1901. Written by Fremont Garrett.

I see in the INDIANAPOLIS PRESS a communication from J. N. Cropper, for many years in ye olden times, was a resident of West River Township, this county. My attention was called to same by G. Park Hunt, of Albany, who kindly furnished me a copy. I also see the same copies in the WINCHESTER JOURNAL of last week. No man that I know of was more competent to write of those early days than Mr. Cropper. He especially dealt with the Hunt family who were among the first to make the ax ring in some time ago, but, after reading the PRESS, I concluded to again say something in regard to some of the habits and customers of the remarkable

men, especially of Uncle William Hunt. When he first built his cabin home, he was assisted by the Indians in placing the logs in position but not a piece of timber could he induce one of them to cut -- one old buck saying to him that chopping was squaw's work.

Mr. Hunt, who was then a Free Methodist, held meetings at his home, to which he expecially invited his Indian brothers, who came miles to listen to his words. They had great confidence in Mr. Hunt, who had trusted his little daughter , Matilda, to go with the chief's wife to their wigwam and remain some time. (p.38) In his dealing with them he was upright and, when they went to his home he invariably invited them to remain and partake of the food ~~xx~~ prepared by Aunt Polly.

In after year, the village of Huntsville was laid out and it was Huntsville in fact as well as in name, for William Hunt, his brothers, Hon. Miles Hunt, Joshua P. Hunt, Basil Hunt and Absalom Hunt, all with large families settled in the neighborhood. Almost all were preachers. Some were not, however, and among them were some who were fond of a drom in remembrance of the old Kentucky home, from which they came. Absalom Hunt was a natural born wit, with an answer always at hand. At one time, in company with his brother, Joshua P., he was returning from Dayton, Ohio, where they had been with a drove of hogs, and overtook a fine gentleman, also on horseback. Soon a conversation was started between Joshua P., and the stranger, in which, at times, Uncle Ab tried to join. The stranger, however, paid little attention to what Absalom had to say, but directed his remarks to Joshua. Finally Uncle Ab said: "Look here, stranger! I know what you will tell your wife when you get home tonight." Of course, this attracted the man's attention, who inquired as to what he would tell her. "Why," said Hunt, "you will tell her that you overtook on the road today two brothers and rode quite a distance with them; one of them was much a gentleman and quite intelligent -- the other was pretty tight and a damn fool. Now, sir, I want you to understand that you will tell her an infernal lie and I can whip you right now." Of course, the man disclaimed any such intention and thus avoided a fight, but Uncle Ab was not much given to fight, although he would rather have a good healthy quarrel than to eat when hungry. At one time here in town, he sought a quarrel just for the fun of the thing. The man who was boarding at Kizer's tavern, after being abused for a long time, got up and invited the (p.39) redoubtable Absalom out to bat le, but the aforesaid Hunt was not ready to get out of the job, so he said, "Stranger, I am a Kentucky gentleman and have something at stake. You bring me at least twoo good responsible freeholders who will testify to your moral character, then I will take delight in a regular battle. Of course, the man "set 'em up"and thus ended the matter.

I was compelled, when a boy, to attend the M.E. church and listen to the word as preached by Uncle William Hunt and, as has been well said by Bro., J.N.Cropper, he was a remarkable man. The only thing in which he failed was brevity, and when he got to forty-seventhly, a boy, sitting on a slab seat and knowing the fish down at the creek were hungry, got very weary, but woe be unto him if he slid toward the door or caped out loud. This kind of punishment to a boy of twelve had a tendency to make him either an infidel or a Universalist, the latter, probably, as he was getting all the punishment he deserved here on earth.

The fire company, spoken of in J.N.Cropper's article, was truly a wonderful set of men, who, when they began a protracted meeting in a neighborhood, held on ~~xxx~~ until nearly the entire community was either con-

verted or scared out of their boots. They sang with religious zeal and fervor:

"Death enters and there's no escape,
His time there's none can tell.
He, in a moment, sends you forth
To heaven or down to hell."

This, with a sermon usually preached from the text, "He that believeth not shall be damned," usually "fetched 'em," and the mourners' bench would be (p.40) filled with young people of both sex who bathed the same with tears of repentance.

I do not write this with the spirit of fun nor to criticise, as many of our most estimable citizens have sought the Lord in this way and if they thought it the proper thing to do, who shall say it was not?

Of those old folks, who, twenty-five years ago, held forth in the good work, few are left. Rev. John A. Hunt* still lives on his farm, and Rev. Levi Howell the same, and these are the only two I can now recall to mind of the old time leaders in revival meetings, who have not been called from work to reward.

*Rev. John A. was the first born to Joshua P. Hunt and his first wife.

CHAPTER EIGHT

Concerning the Life and Descendants of William D. Hunt,
Eighth Son of Col. John and Mary Hunt.

The place of birth and residence of this son seems rather things of uncertainty. Mrs. Anna Parker, living near Carlos, Indiana, tells me that William Hunt was born in Brown county, Indiana, living his entire life there. Mrs. Emma Richardson, now living in Altoona, Kansas, informs me that William Hunt was her father and that he was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, coming to Missouri when a young man, living until his death, in Ray county.

I leave the solution of this to older heads. Following is the sketch of William Hunt as furnished me by Mrs. Richardson:

William D. Hunt was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, March 3rd, 1802. He was married to (p.41) Sarah Ann Creason on January 25th, 1831, and about the year 1840 he and family moved to Missouri. Nine children were born to them. Mary Ann, their first, was born December 7th, 1831. She never married. Her death occurred September 18th, 1888.

John Creason Hunt born March 16th, 1832, was the second of nine children. He remained single. The date of his death was February 7th, 1861.

Their third child, Benjamin, was born February 12th, 1835, and died in 1842.

Lucinda (Hunt) Broady was born February 9th, 1837 and died June 20th, 1881.

Charity (Hunt) Duncan was born October 18th, 1838, and died May 1st, 1871.

Harrison, sixth child of William D and Sarah Ann, was born November 23rd, 1840. In 1880 he was married to Miss Mollie Bailey. No children were born. Harrison died in 1906.

Amanda Hunt, seventh child, was born on the 3rd of December, 1842, and died in 1860. She never married.

Of the last two children born to William and Sarah there is no record left.

Sarah, wife of William D., died in 1846. **1414545**

He married a second time to Mrs. Martha (Vanbebber) Mead, a native of Campbell county, Tennessee, and born January 10th, 1825. To that union seven children were born:

Sarah Louisa, was born September 13th, 1851. She married Mr. Tolbert Streets, August 1st, 1880, and eight children were born to them: Maude, Henry Clay, Arthur Tolbert, Macy, Joseph Teester, William D., Ruby and Bessie. Macy and Ruby died in childhood.

Maude Streets married a Mr. Barnett and six sons were born to them, two of whom were claude and Clarence.

(p.42) Henry Clay, second born to Tolbert and Louisa Streets, is married and the father of two daughters, Thelma and Wanda (twins), and two sons, Don and Wesley.

Arthur Tolbert, third born to Tolbert and Louisa Streets, is married and has three children: Marriga, Reed and Mary Lesola.

Joseph Teester Streets, is married and the parents of one son. They live in Guilford, Idaho.

William D. Streets is married and has two children, one of whom is named Rosolla.

Bessie Streets married Arthur Bocox and they have three children, Gordon, Virginia and Betty.

Martha Emily, born in Ray county, Mo., November 18th, 1853, was the second born to William D. and Martha Hunt. On September 21st, 1876 she was married to John F. Richardson. He was born in Campbell, Tennessee, June 21st, 1851, and came to Missouri in 1869. Seven children were born -- five in Ray county, Mo.

Allie G. Richardson was born July 23rd, 1877. She was married to Edwin C. Hoart. They have one son, Don Allen, born March 26th, 1914 at Neodesha, Kansas.

Pearl D. Richardson was born March 6th, 1879, and married November 18th, 1906 to Ruby Doty. Four children were born: Novella was born February 26th, 1908; Byerl, born February 15th, 1910; Corral, born February 23rd, 1918. All were born in Altoona, Wilson county, Kansas.

Myrtle L. Richardson was born August 26th, 1881 and was married March 4th, 1903 to Frank A. Frankenberg. One child, Evelyn was born June 22nd, 1906. She graduated from high school in May, 1923. Mr. Frankenberg died in 1908.

James Henry Richardson was born October 22nd, 1883; (p.43) married to Maybell Dewey on July 3rd, 1913. James and Maybell are the parents of two sons, Raymond, born April 19th, 1914 and Rex, born November 23rd, 1915.

Audrey F. Richardson was born March 18th, 1886; married to Bessie Prange on March 25th, 1916.

Bertha B. Richardson was born December 8th, 1888; married to George B. Durrin on June 30th, 1920.

Floyd E. Richardson was born in Wilson county, Kansas, March 1st, 1892. On March 30th, 1920, he was married to Miss Ada Hamilton.

John F. Richardson, father of these seven sons and daughters, died September 25th, 1921.

William D. Hunt, Jr. was the third born to William and Martha Hunt, on June 10th, 1856. He was married to Anna Ellis on July, 1907. Two children were born, a son, who lived but a few days, and a daughter, Billie D., born in January, 1917. The father died January 20th, 1918.

James Bazzel Hunt, fourth offspring of William D and Martha Hunt, was born June 18th, 1859. He was married to Belle Scott in 1887, and five children were born: Hallie, Nelle, James Mead, Herbert and Margaret. All were married. Margaret died in 1918 and the father died April 7th, 1919.

Hallie Hunt was married to a Mr. Tincher. He died and Hallie later married a Mr. Hunt. They are now living in Arkansas. Hallie and her first husband had five children. He and their oldest son died with the flu.

Nelle married a Mr. Tincher, brother to Hallie's first husband.

James Mead and Herbert were both married, but it is not known if either have children.

Acenath D., born July 7th, 1863, was the fifth (p.44) child of William D. and Martha Hunt. She was married August 1, 1880 to Mr. Willard Streets.

Henry Clay was the sixth born to William and Martha, on August 13th, 1865. He was never married.

Mottta C., seventh child of William and Martha, was born November 27th, 1868 and was married to R. H. VanBuren on January 1st, 1887. Ten children were born: Clyde, Orville, Fay, Keith, Van, Elouise, Forrest, Genevia, Eleane and Hunt.

William D. Hunt, father of these seven sons and daughters, died March 4th, 1876.

CHAPTER NINE
Descendents of Joshua Hunt

The dates of birth and death of Joshua P., ninth born to Col. John and Mary Hunt, are not known. William, their eighth, was born in 1802, and Benjamin, their tenth, was born in 1809. This leaves seven intervening years, during which time was the birth of Joshua P. He was married twice. His first wife was Miss Ellen Denton. Seven children were born: John Abraham, Martha Ann, Julia, Lemuel, Howard, Harrison, America and Celia Jane.

Joshua's second marriage was to Miss Rachel Howell. Seven children were born to them: William Clay, Mary Ellen, Josephine A., Albert Benton, Sarah, Robert and Union B.

Union B. Hunt was born September 2nd, 1864. His name originally was Union Banner Basil Horton Hunt. Basil was a family name and the others were added through the father's patriotism.

(p.45) When he was five years old, he was taken from his birthplace in Randolph county, Indiana to Vermillion county, Illinois, where the family lived for thirteen years. In 1877, they returned to the old family home near Huntsville, and Mr. Hunt spent the remainder of his life in the state of Indiana. His first money, after attaining success, was used to purchase the old home. As a young man, Union B. worked on a farm, in a tile factory and clerked in a store. He was elected in 1898 to the office of secretary of state and re-elected two years later. When Governor Hanley was inaugerated in January, 1905, Union B. became his private secretary.

He was married in 1891 to Miss Mary N. Hinshaw. She and one daughter Mrs. Kenneth R. Davis, of Indianapolis, survive. Union B. was a Mason and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHAPTER TEN
Benjamin Hunt, Tenth born to Colonel John and Mary Hunt

Benjamin was born January 12, 1809. In the spring of 1840, he was married to Miss Sarah Ross. One daughter and three sons were born to them: Mary Ann was born October 19th, 1840 and died on the 30th day of December 1915. Fairfax was born May 8th, 1842 and died September 18th, 1909. Edward was born on August 11th, 1843 and William Franklin was born September 2nd, 1858, and died on March 15th, 1912.

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Of Anna, eleventh born to Col. John and Mary Hunt, no record is left.

Elizabeth (Betsey) was the twelfth born to John and Mary. She was married to a Mr. Willett.

(p.46) Sarah, the thirteenth born to John and Mary Hunt was married to a Mr. Markwell.

Of Deby and Patsy, fourteenth and fifteenth born to Col. John and Mary Hunt, no record is left.

NOTES

Dr. Bader S. Hunt, son of Giles Parker Hunt (page 11) died March 23rd, 1924.

Marry Russell Collins (page 10) daughter of James Parker and Martha McIntire Hunt, died on March 24, 1924.

Robert G. Hunt, son of Maranda Hunt (page 2) died February 28th 1924, at his home on North State Line Street, Union City, Indiana. The cause of his death was heart trouble. Robert G. would have been eighty-one years old September 20th, 1924. His wife survives. Funeral services were held at the Huntsville (Indiana) church on March 2nd and interment in the Huntsville cemetery.

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